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Dear Ms. Renata Hesse:

As for myself, I am very grateful that some of the states are not going along with letting Microsoft continue to be a harmful and predatory monopoly. I fervently hope that because some of the states will not roll over, the whole "deal" with Microsoft will unravel.

I feel that the US Justice Department did our country harm when they let Microsoft walk away. Even their give away benefits them. As a very computer literate individual I see letting them even stay together as a single business entity as something that will repress the open market and harm the development of new technology. New technology for which each of us wouldn't have to pay for again every two years with Microsoft's forced upgrades.

It is a farce that Microsoft will hide its Internet Explorer icon from the desktop. Internally they still have the advantage over all other vendors that will have to use their desktop software: NT, Windows 2000, etc.

Because of their intentional and illegal harm to their competitors, we the computer users have lost the choice of what vendors we can choose.

I see no difference between Microsoft and AT&T, before Judge Green and the Justice Department forced the break up of AT&T. It is a travesty of justice that harms all of us in the United States now and in the future. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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